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As another year comes and goes I sit here asking myself, Have I done everything in my power to be the best of me? Have I worked as hard as I could, learned as much as I could, met as many new people as I can, and ultimately lived life to the fullest?

Isn't that what everyone strives for?

This year I've become a different me. We all know we grow up, but something felt different...I felt myself excepting my past and learning from it. Knowing that doing what I once was wasn't going to be enough to get me to where I wanted to be. So I got up off the couch and experience the world. My favorite part about this...meeting new and exciting people that I never would have if I kept being my old self.

This issue is all about getting to know the person sitting right next to you or maybe the girl/boy you've secretly had a thing for all semester and even your proffesor, but most importatnly getting to know yourself by answering these questions. The way your about to get to know these people is personal... straight off the cuff.

Until we meet again...

Colbi Howser

Additionally, I would like to thank Grace Miller for being my model and muse for the cover.

The Profile Issue

There's so much inspiration involved with this issue, but the most prominent of all is found at the back of a magazine. Vanity Fair to be exact, so to be on the back of this magazine isn't such a bad thing.

Anyway's this issues inspiration came from what is called the Proust Questionaire. A quetionaire based on one's personality and originated from Marcel Proust in the nineteenth century.

The questionaire contains a set of 35 questions that are answered by the interviewee off the cuff. A similar version of the questionaire you will see in this magazine is also in every issue of Vanity Fair and answered by various celebrities. We at Avila believe that everyone here is also a celebrity and it's time to get down to the nitty-gritty and get to know some of Avila's own celebrities.

If you are interested in reading more about the the Proust Questionaire and the celebrities who were involved, go to VanityFair.com, also for video of our own interviewee's, log on to talonnews360.net to see CJ Slaughter and the Talon's own journalists dig deep into the lives of Avila's own.

Here's a list of all 35 questions asked during all the interviews. If you want to hear more full interviews go to our Youtube channel youtube.com/thetalononline

What is your idea of perfect happiness?
What is your greatest fear?
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What is your greatest extravagance?
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What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
On what occasion do you lie?
What do you most dislike about your appearance?
Which living person do you most despise?
What is the quality you most like in a man?
What is the quality you most like in a woman?
Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
What or who is the greatest love of your life?
When and where were you happiest?
Which talent would you most like to have?
If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
What do you consider your greatest achievement?
If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?
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What is your most treasured possession?
What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?
What is your favorite occupation?
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What do you most value in your friends?
Who are your favorite writers?
Who is your hero of fiction?
Which historical figure do you most identify with?
Who are your heroes in real life?
What are your favorite names?
What is it that you most dislike?
What is your greatest regret?
How would you like to die?
What is your motto?

Be an angel to an angel

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Maureen Carr

Office Manager of Social Science in Oreilly

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Playing with grandchildren

What are your favorite names?

Cannen and Rielly

What is your greatest extravagance?

People magazine, I have to buy it no matter what

What is the quality you most like in a man?

Loyalty

Who is your favorite writer?

Ken Follett

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

When my husband and I hear something that someone is going through that is good, we say, "So, at least you got that going for you!"

When and where were you the happiest?

Taking care of my children at home when they were small

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

To be better at saving money

Where would you most like to live?

Costa rica...on the shore

What is your greatest regret?

Not getting my master's degree

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Sacajawea

Which talent would you most like to have?

Horseback rider

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Procrastination

What is your most treasured possession?

A locket passed down to me from my mother, given by my grandfather inscribed with the letter M

Who are your heros in real life?

Malala Yousafzai

What is your most marked characteristic?

Silliness

What is your motto?

"A person's about as happy as they make their mind to be", Abraham Lincoln

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being loved, being productive, and making a difference

What is your greatest extrtavagance?

Buying books. I love to reaad.

On occasion do you lie?

I tell white lies...

What do you most like about your apperance?

I'm in diire need of a haircut

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My deceased husband. Chuck Thomas

Which talent would you most like to have?

I wish I could paint

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I'm proud to be part of a school of education that really does prepare teachers

Where would you most like to live?

Next to a warm beach along the Gulf in the south

What is your favorite occupation?

Teaching

What is your most treasured possession?

Anything my nephew Mac made for me

Who is your hero of fiction?

Mr. Spock. I'm a Trekkie

Who are your heros in real life?

Eleanor Roosevelt and Queen Elizabeth the First

Which living person do you most admire?

Richard Waylan, my mentor when I studied at KU

What do you most value in your friends?

Compassion

What is your greatest regret?

I don't have any big regrets

What's your motto?

I'm here for a reason

Sue McCalley

Education Teacher

Torie Murillo

Women's Basketball Graduate Assistant

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

To have someone love you as much as you love them

What is your current state of mind?

Determined. I have a lot of things I still would like to accomplish with coaching and finishing grad school. It's a very busy time in my life

What is the quailty you most like in a man?

I like a humble man. Someone who is God-fearing.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Basketball

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Making it to the NAIA Sweet Sixteen and becoming an All-American

Where would you most like to live?

Chicago

What is your favorite occupation?

Coaching. I'm lucky enough to be living that right now?

If you could change on thing about yourself, what would it be?

My height. Taller or shorter. If I was taller it would be great for basketball, but if I was shorter, I could wear tall heel. Right now, I'm right in the middle.

Who is your hero of fiction?

Katniss Everdeen

What is your most marked characteristic?

Competiveness. I like to win in everything

What is it that you most dislike?

That food can make you fat

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

To be without God. I couldn't imagine a life with out

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

A male. No one could say that you're slower because you're a girl. There isn't a limitation on what I should be able to do.

What is your motto?

Never be satisfied

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John Schwarzel

Sophomore from Oceanside, CA

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being able to do what you love and not caring what others have to say

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Looks

Which living person do you most despise?

Al Sharpton

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

They aren't all about looks

Which talent would you most like to have?

To be a professional in a sport

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

To be taller

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Too many to choose from

If you were to die and come back as a person or thing what would it be?

Snoop Dogg or Wiz Khalifa

Where would you most like to live?

Hawaii

What do you most value in your friends?

People to talk to and telling me the truth

What is it that your most dislike?

Annoying people

Who are your heros on real life?

My dad and his military work

What is your most treasured possession?

My car...a 2010 Mustang

What is your greatest regret?

No regrets

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

I don't have one yet, but I'd day God and my parents

What is your greatest fear?

Dying alone

Which libing person do you most admire?

Dillion Francis and DJ Snake

What's your motto?

Live and Die for the Young Homies

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Not having any stresses in my life

What is your current state of mind?

I am literally exhausted

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

People who ask a ton of questions

What do you most dislike about your apperance?

My thunder thighs

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

STOOOP, same and I'm dying

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

Miley Cyrus

What do you conisder your greatest achievement?

Doing very well in nursing school

Who is your hero of fiction?

Harry Potter

What is it that you most dislike?

Waiting

Who are your heroes in real life?

The owner of Strarbucks

How would you like to die?

Peacefully

What is your greatest regret?

Not applying myself as fully as I could have the first few years of college

Which living person do you most despise?

Bill Cosby

What are your favorite writers?

J.K. Rowling

When are your most happiest?

Orlando, Flordia, UCA Cheerleading Nationals, 2013

On what occasion do you lie?

When I get called into work and I don't want to

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

The Beatles, cause they were freaking cool

What is your favorite name?

Charlie

What do you value most in your friends?

Dependability

What's your motto?

YOLO

Shelby Fletcher

Senior Nursing Student

Dr. Nick
Haverhals
Assistant Professor of Mathmatics

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Oh wow...haha! Contentment, I guess, maybe. I am a pretty low-key guys so, I would say contentment

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Laziness

What is your greatest extravagance?

Food, maybe. I really love to eat. I would do it a lot more if I could

On what occasion do you lie?

When i can spare someone's feelings with a consequence

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Selflessness

Who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Intelligence, maybe...I don't know. I don't think many consider wealth a virtue, but if you did then it would be wealth. If not, then intelligence.

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Helplessness

How would you like to die?

Painlessly and after everything has been taken care of

Where is somewhere you would like to visit?

Europe. I have never been to Europe. It seems like there is so much to see. There are beautiful mountains, all sorts of history, and different cultures all close together.

Where would you most like to live?

There are a lot of places that I would like to visit. But to live...here is KC is pretty cool. I guess I am not too picky. Everywhere has plus' and minus'

What is your motto?

My motto...I don't know...and that might be it, haha. I don't know. I try to stay humble about the things that I do know. That is one sort of overwriting thing. I said it sort of jokingly, but being aware that there are things you don't know...if you could put that into a phrase then that would probably be my motto.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Oh, that's a good question, I like to think about the as a balance, when you get the feeling in your core, that you are at peace. When that happens for me my kids are happy and safe, usually friends or family are around.

What living person do you most despise?

I don't normally dwell on things that bother me, can you think of another words because when I hear despise I think hate them to the core. I wish athletes would make different or better choices.

What trait do you like in a man?

I like humor, compassion and dedication in the kids. But humor is the main thing

Where would you most like to live?

When I retire I would like to go back to Seattle, but I won't be retiring anytime soon. I loved New Mexico because I was always sunny but they didn't have 4 seasons also they didn't have snow Kansas City has snow and it is also the biggest city I have lived in.

What is your greatest fear?

Some violence comes to the university

What is your greatest regret?

Missing my sister's wedding and missing family events because of work

What do you think is the lowest depth of misery?

People that are willing to take their own life, I think that is the deepest place you could be

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

Another long list of things, but I think you have to be comfortable with yourself and to be happy, but if I had to choose one thing It would be just working out more.

Who is your favorite hero of fiction?

Good question, I don't think I have one

What is your motto?

I have a couple, "Shoot for the moon and if you fail you will land on the stars." Then it is the golden one, which is "treat others how you would want to be treated."

DARBY GOUGH

Dean of Students

Karis Pruitt

Sophomore and Vice President of the Black Student Union

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Be at peace with everything in life

On what occasion do you lie?

None

Which living person do you most admire?

My mom

Who are your favorite writers?

J. Cole

What is your greatest extravagance?

Clothing

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Being undefeated on step team in high school

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

A stuffed animal

Where would you most like to live?

Washington D.C.

What is the quality you most like in a man?

Godliness

Who are your real life heros?

My family

What is you most marked characteristics?

Positivity

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Feeling unaccepted

What is it that you most dislike?

Disorganization

When and where were you happiest?

Senior year of high school

Who or what is the greatest love of your life?

Jordan

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

My hair

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

Negate

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would if be?

Mindset

What is your most treasured possession?

My mom

Which living person do you most despise?

No one

What is your motto?

Keep Going

What is your motto?

I would say a hobby or activity that makes someone enjoy life

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

I wish I was taller

What is your greatest extravagance?

Play basketball, winning the state championship in high school

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Some peoples athleticism

What is your favorite occupation?

Basketball player

On what occasion do you lie?

Everyday, but I joke with it

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

I would like my hair twisted, I think I will do that. I got some of them going on right now

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Smile

Where would you most like to live?

Somewhere on the beach, with nice weather year round

What is your most marked characteristic?

I would say my personality, I joke around a lot

What do you most value in your friends?

Trustworthiness

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Martin Luther King

Who are your heroes in real life?

LeBron James, He is a good person on and off the court, a family oriented, good personality

How would you like to die?

I would rather die while I'm awake, becasue I wouldn't want to go to sleep being mad at someone. I would rather die awake doing something

What is your most treasured possession?

Money

Which talent would you most like to have?

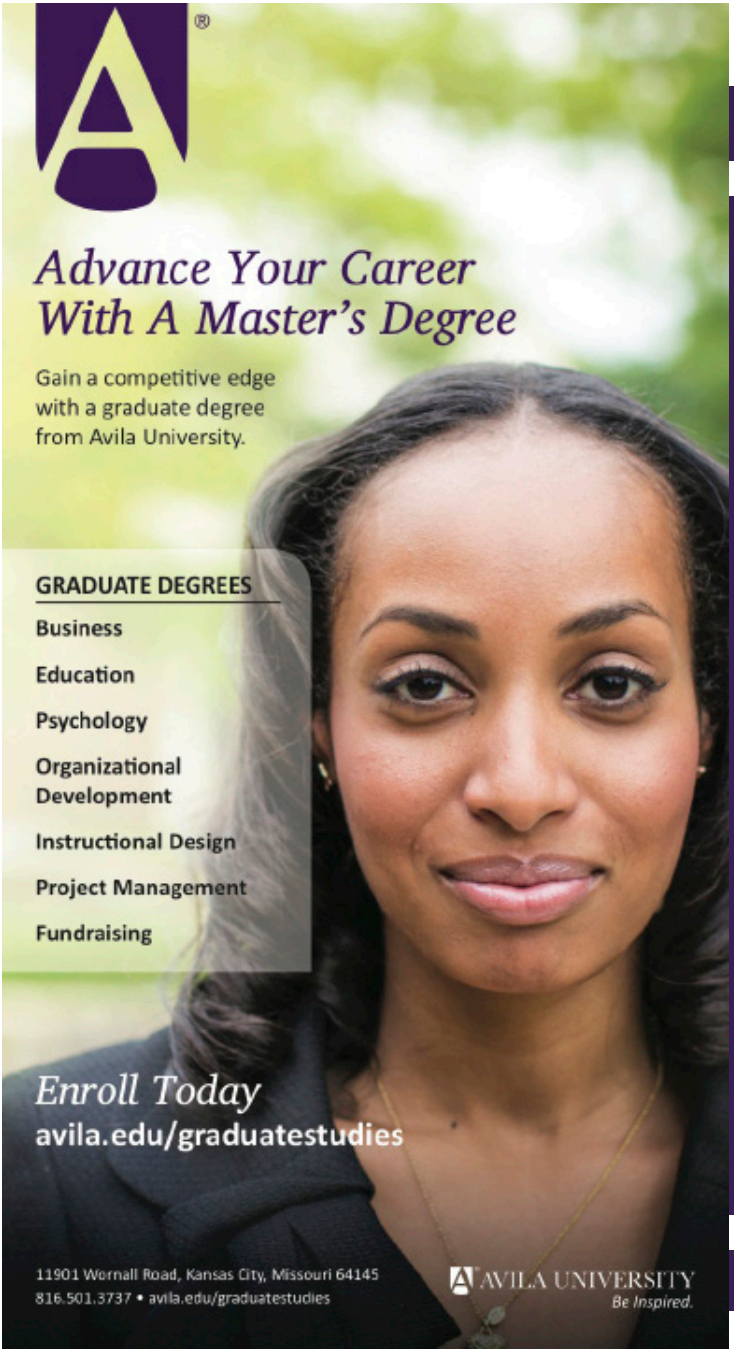
Mind reading

What's your motto?

Live life

Sedric Johnson

Junior, Basketball Player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Crystal Bruntz

Director of Financial Aid

What is your idea of perfect happienss?

Faith, family, friends, and fulfillment

What is your greatest fear?

Squirrels

Which living person do you most admire?

My dad

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Professional athlete's paychecks

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

My height

Which talent would you most like to have?

Some kind of artistic ability and playing the piano

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I wish I was a morning person

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

I know, right?

Where would you most like to live?

On a beach

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Heartache

What is your favorite occupation?

Santa Claus

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Elvis

What is your greatest regret?

Not moving away from my college town sooner

Who are your favorite writers?

Nicholas Sparks and the comedy writers for Jimmy Fallon

What is your most treasured possession?

My deceased grandma's bible

What's your motto?

Sometimes it's better to apologize than to ask for permission

What is your greatest extravagance?

Traveling

On what occasion do you lie?

To protect others

What is it your most dislike?

Mushrooms

What are your favorite names?

Jonah, Grace, Claire, Jordan, Emma

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

I know when and where I'm perfectly happy...When I'm outside in the mountains wehre it's quiet and peaceful. That's my bliss.

What is your greatest fear?

Losing passion for what I'm doing

Which living person do you most admire?

I can think of people I admire for their careers- Aaron Draplin is a designer I like for his brassy style and how bold he is.

What is your greatest extravagance?

My greatest extravagance as a teacher is that I have developed courses that allow me to take students on trips and travel. That I get to travel as a part of my teaching experience, that's an extravagance

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

I would have to say beauty is probably overrated

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

Weight. Weight is something that I can control so I feel that that's something I'm dissatisfied with but that I can make a change in.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

The outdoors, the mountains... the place where I feel the most at home. Also, I love my dog. He's my best friend.

Which talent would you most like to have?

I would like to be the charismatic person who can walk into any room and make friends.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

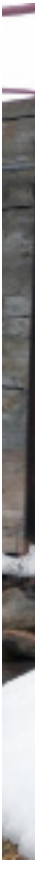
If you have a student that you've nurtured and they go out and are successful, you vicariously feel a sense of achievement through their s uccess. It's corny, but it's true.

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

The wily, white-tailed deer that's able to outsmart all the hunters.

What is your motto?

Work hard, play hard. I work really hard but I also make sure that I very rarely turn down an opportunity to travel.



Eric Winter

Graphic Design Professor

Casey Lee

Sophomore Sports Communications Major

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

I think it would be when I'm just at peace with everything in my life.

What is your greatest fear?

I don't know why, but probably clowns, I always have been, they make me uncomfortable

Which living person do you most admire?

I would have to say my dad. Once my mom passed away he sort of became everything in my life. He has just been amazing and he has always been my hero.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Being a suicide prevention advocate, and a mental health awareness advocate. It's something that I love and really want to go far with.

What do you consider the most overrated virture?

Purity, no one is perfect

Which talent would you most like to have?

Singing

What is the quaility you most like in a man?

Being able to take care of me

When and where were you most happiest?

About 2-3 summers ago with my sister, we flew to Chicago to see my mom

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Coming out about self-harm, it helped me and it allowed me to help others that reached out to me.

What is your greatest regret?

Losing my mom brought a lot of guilt, and blame. I have definitely been working on it, but its something I will always struggle with.

What is your most treasured possession?

I have this box in my closet that has everything that is important to me in it. My most treasured is my mom's journal. I got to read a find out a lot of things about my mom that I did not know.

What is your favorite occupation?

I definitely want to be a sports broadcaster. My two favorite things in the world are sports and writing.

What is your motto?

I would just tell people, "Life is worth living."

There is no such thing as an empty space or an empty time. There is always something to see, something to hear. In fact, try as we may to make a silence, we cannot.

John Cage

Wishing everyone a successful 2015